Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 08 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 09 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 08 Apr 2023 at 01:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rather cloudy weekend, also for occasional rain Monday, but low for cloud and development detail from Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 08 Apr 2023: Mostly cloudy with some patchy rain and summit snow. Cold in strong summit winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 08 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 08 Apr 2023

Weather: Overnight low cloud, along with some patchy drizzle or higher summit snow flurries, will mostly disperse by early afternoon to leave a dry day with some sunshine. However low cloud will linger across the Drumochter Hills and eastern Cairngorms into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in the east, best chance this afternoon across the west of the area

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 300 to 700 metres this morning, otherwise becoming very good this afternoon in the brighter areas with summits mostly free of cloud

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	29/36 SE	27/36 SE	27/36 SE	24/32 SE	19/25 SE	22/30 SE	26/34 SE
900	25/32 SE	27/38 SE	25/35 S	21/31 S	18/26 SE	20/27 SE	22/31 SE
600	8/11 SW	15/25 S	20/31 S	19/29 S	16/24 SE	17/24 SE	10/16 S
300	3/5 NE	5/9 NE	12/24 S	12/23 S	9/19 SE	4/11 SW	5/11 NE
Glen	1/7 SW	4/12 SE	8/19 S	8/19 S	5/14 S	4/11 S	4/13 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-9	-2/-10	-1/-9	-0/-8	-1/-8	-2/-10	-2/-10
900	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	4/-2	4/-1	3/-2	4/-1
600	3/-0	4/-0	5/0	6/2	6/2	5/1	5/2
300	3/2	7/6	10/7	10/8	8/6	5/3	4/2
Glen	1/2	8/7	11/9	12/9	9/7	6/4	4/3
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Risk sunburn in exposure, despite wind chill at height. Hill fog quite extensive in east.

Forecast for Sunday 09 Apr 2023
Weather: Low cloud to begin the day across the south and east of the area, this mostly dispersing through the morning. Then most of the day will be dry although a fair amount of cloud around. Outbreaks of rain will spread northeast in the evening.

Maximum wind: South to southeast winds increasing strong to gale from the afternoon with mean 25-35 mph and gusts 50-55 mph across most exposed ridges and summits. Speeds increasing to 70 mph on Cairngorm Summit.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 300 to 700 metres at first, otherwise good visibility with most summits clear of cloud. Patchy hill fog down to 700 metres developing in rain later.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius increasing 14 Celsius for the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 1200 metres rising above summits

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